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CHARTER
REPORT.Republicans Listen
To It Last
Night.

THE Republican Charter Commission held a meeting last night with the chairman, Col. J. H. Fisher, in the chair. Ed Towse was elected secretary pro tem. The following members were present: Dr. G. H. Huddy, Enoch Johnson, Geo. A. Davis, W. O. Smith, J. A. Gilman, Chas. Wilson, Col. J. H. Boyd, L. L. McCandless, W. C. Roe, A. V. Gear, Fritz Wilhelm and Chas. Notley.

W. O. Smith, as chairman of the sub-committee on draft, submitted the following written report:

Colonel J. H. Fisher, Chairman Charter Committee.

Sir: The undersigned members of the sub-committee appointed to prepare a draft of charter, or act of incorporation, for the City and County of Honolulu, respectfully present their report.

After their appointment, on the 20th of December last, the committee proceeded to consider plans for a municipal government which in their opinion would be suited to existing conditions, and to map out the work. The facts that there were no special statutes of the Territory governing the establishment of such organizations, and no such governments had heretofore been created in these islands; and the conditions were unique, presented features which in some respects added to the difficulties of the case.

After a discussion of the provisions which were deemed of chief importance, the committee engaged G. A. Davis, Esq., a member of the committee, to prepare a draft of the proposed Act; and T. McCants Stewart, Esq., another member, on his own behalf also prepared a draft.

Both of these drafts were before the committee, and from them the draft now submitted to the General Committee has been prepared, and we herewith present the same for consideration.

The drafts prepared by both of these gentlemen followed the same general plan in most particulars, but different in detail. The draft prepared by Mr. Stewart was, however, largely followed.

The draft now presented, after defining the boundaries of the City and County of Honolulu, and of the wards and precincts, prescribes the form of government and then provides somewhat in detail for the powers and duties of officers.

It will be observed that an effort has been made to follow, in many respects, the provisions of the existing laws of the Territory.

Upon the following subjects the provision of the present laws have been followed as far as seemed practicable, namely:

Department of Finance.
Auditor and Public Accounting.
Police Department and Coroners.
Sales and Leases of Public Lands.
Highways.
Department of Water Works.
Fire Department.
Department of Taxes and Assessments.
Department of Public Instruction.
Department of Health.
Election Laws.

The committee believe it better, so far as feasible, to follow the methods and regulations with which the community is familiar, rather than unnecessarily to present new and untried schemes.

Among the new subjects presented are provisions for:
Department of Buildings.
Department of Parks.
Law Department and Corporation Counsel.
Granting of Franchises.
District and City Courts.
Income Tax.

The draft of the Act presented is open to criticism. The members of the committee do not consider it finished work. Had there been more time, and the circumstances less urgent, they would have again revised it, corrected some errors which have crept in, and altered somewhat the order of the subjects. A more clear division of the topics could have been made, and an index prepared.

The work has been pursued under difficulties. The time for meetings has been taken from busy hours and at night. The committee has held twenty-seven regular meetings besides many conferences.

Before closing this report, we would call attention to the provision in section 37 of the draft (page 20), relating to the administrative department, that "there shall be the following administrative departments in said City, or as many of said departments as the Mayor and Board of Aldermen may organize by appointing the heads thereof." The purpose being not to compel the City to take over certain departments until prepared to do so. For instance, it might not be convenient or advisable, immediately upon the Act becoming operative, to take over the Department of Public Instruction.

Anticipating the criticism that too much of detail has been attempted; that some of the matters incorporated should be left to be covered by ordinance of the Board of Aldermen, we would state that before the Board of Aldermen will have opportunity to prepare and adopt ordinances it is desirable that there should be sufficient provision for the administration of government; and, furthermore, it would appear desirable that most of the provisions presented should be defined by the Territorial Legislature and not left to be changed at will by the Board.

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM O. SMITH, Chairman.
GEO. A. DAVIS.
T. McCANTS STEWART.
JOSEPH G. PRATT.
A. V. GEAR.

Honolulu, March 6, 1901.

Mr. Smith also made an extended address upon the difficulties which were encountered, stating that they had taken up valuable time during the day and night, locking themselves in and sometimes spending an entire morning or afternoon simply in reading proof and combining the two plans submitted. The committee stated that they had submitted two printed copies in which many corrections had been noted. Mr. Smith said that while a great deal of criticism would be made on account of the length of the draft, yet on looking into the matter it would be found much of the matter was simply a transcript of the existing laws of the Territory changed for use in the city. He also said there were many things which would have been amended if the committee had been appointed by the Legislature but they felt better after the draft had gone through the general charter commission, the executive committee of the Republican party, and had been amended by the members of the Legislature who introduced the bill, and had gone through the legislative hopper of committee and Senate and House amendments and a possible charter commission to be appointed by

the Legislature, that it would be in good shape.

On motion the discussion of the report was laid over to the next meeting, Tuesday evening, at which time an effort will be made to get out all of the members of the charter committee and also the executive committee of the Republican party. Three hundred copies of the report have been printed in pamphlet form. It comprised a book of 170 pages and 679 sections. The city limits will be co-extensive with the present district of Kona. There will be eight wards of three precincts each, two aldermen from each ward and four at large, at a salary of \$200 a year, to hold office for two years; the mayor, to receive \$5,000 a year, to hold office two years and be ineligible to a third term. An informal discussion followed which developed several weak points, especially in relation to the sale of liquor. Mr. Davis urged that the draft did not permit the prohibition of the sale of liquor in the city, and finally won his point.

The first city election is to be held next November and the officers begin work January 1, 1902. Thereafter the elections will be held in June and the new officers take office August 1.

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